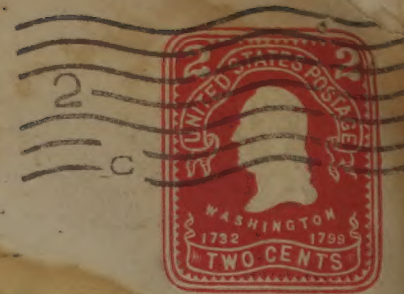
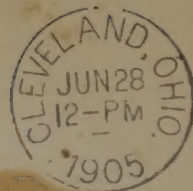


After 5 days, return to

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*217 Linwood St.*

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

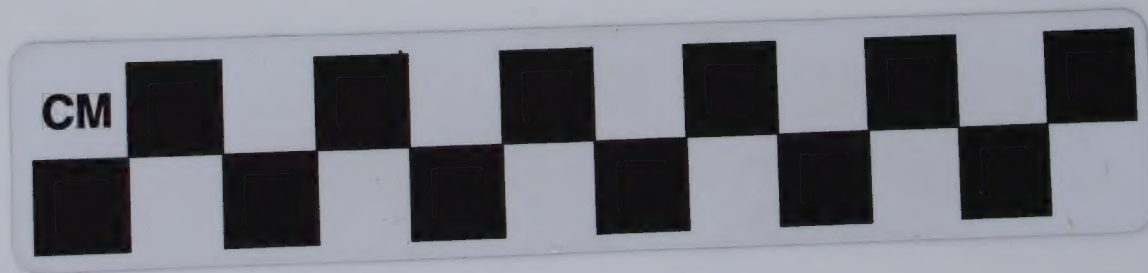


*Mrs. Geo W. Grandy*

*3716 Pasadena Ave.*

*Los Angeles, Cal.*

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Cleveland Ohio. June 28 - 1905

Dear Sister.

I owe you a letter & I thought I would try & answer it today so I can mail it when I go down town tomorrow & inclose a check for \$5.00 for you that Aunt Mary gave me to ~~send~~ send you. She also gave me the same amount as a present, & said that yours would do as a wedding present if it is a little late, but said you know what a poor hand she is to write, & she feels heart broken that you never write to her, & was asking me what was the reason, so I told her that she hadn't ought to feel that way about it when you had only written to me twice since you



have<sup>2</sup> been married.

I started on my vacation the 15<sup>th</sup>  
& the same day Chas. & I went to Berlin  
Center by way of Warren & stopped at  
Aunt Marietta's both going & coming  
for a few hours & found them all well  
there at Berlin. Aunt Sadie & Uncle  
James their health is very poor.  
& I never seen such a change in  
men as I did on Uncle James,  
Abe, Chester Bedell, & Uncle Stoffer.  
he is 99½ years old & he does look  
remarkably well & walks around  
quite spry with two sticks &  
still smokes his pipe, & they are  
building a big bank barn,  
we had dinner there & a nice little  
visit of 2 or 3 hours & heard lots of  
news every place we went. &  
from there we went to our old  
"home" & looked the place over  
quite thoroughly the old place  
looks very much on the bump



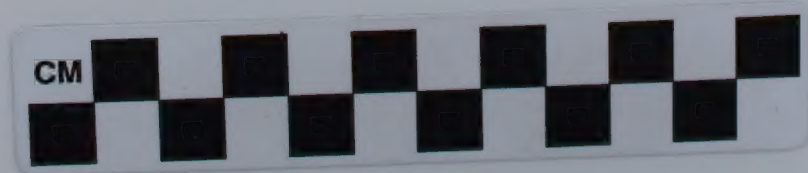


in fact you<sup>3</sup> wouldnt hardly  
know the place, the barn doors  
are all fallen off & the old wind-  
mill is gone & the old house is  
used for a pig-pen & is full of pigs  
& all of the buildings are tumbl-  
ing & even the house is commencing  
to look in correspondence with  
the things but I didnt go in  
the house as I wasnt asked to  
so I didnt ask. in fact it  
made me feel bad to see the  
way things looked & I dont know  
as I would ever care to see it  
again, the trees we planted around  
the house you wouldnt know  
for they are all great big trees  
higher than the house. & there  
isnt a whole fence left on the  
farm & the stalk run over the  
whole farm.

From there we went over to the  
Benton Cemetery to see Frank Lees  
grave & it is all grown up with



weeds, & whilst there I run across a  
little old man with a sprinkling can  
in his hand & he commenced talking to me before  
I got near him, about his flowers & when I  
got up to him who was it but Mr Weed-  
ow that used to live east of Benton where  
Chas Hartzell now lives & I asked him  
what he was doing there & he commen-  
ced to cry & told me that he buried  
his wife 5 wks ago, & now is living  
with his son Johnie who married  
Kertie Santee & is living on Kerties  
old farm. he feels terrible over the loss  
of his wife. & from there we  
went over to the old Hartzell  
Cemetery & seen lots of new graves  
there, & then we went to Sam Bedells.  
& had a fine supper & a little visit  
with them, you know they lost their  
Daughter Kertie but have her little  
Daughter to raise she is I think 5  
& a nice child, & they couldnt do  
enough for us & never was used  
better in my life they all in-  
quired after you & everybody & wanted



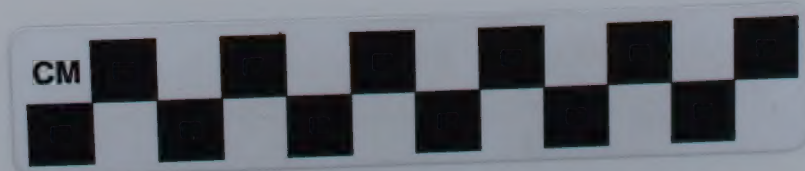


to be remembered to your Pa.  
& then we stoped at Uncle Chester  
for a little while & he & Aunt was  
qufe glad to see us. but their  
health is very poor, he had a  
stroke of Paralysis several years  
ago & is very feeble & shows his  
age very much. the poor old  
man cried like a child while  
talking to me & didnt know me  
for quite a while. he took his  
can, <sup>with</sup> Aunt walked out to see  
us off again. he has 2500  
Acres of land now & James  
is the only one single. That  
night we stayed at Uncle James  
all night as I had his horse &  
buggy & was late getting back  
from our long drive & all them  
stops in one day. the rest of the  
time we stayed at Aunt Marys  
although we were gone only  
4 days. Alices 2 little girls was



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there to, the first time I ever seen them  
& they are nice children, they went home  
the same day we did to their other  
Grandmas.

On the Sunday the 18 that we were  
there we went to Ella Wicks as  
they was at us to be sure & come &  
see them before we left so that  
afternoon we spent there & had a  
fine time & also supper, Frank  
Hartzell came along & jumped over  
the fence & we all had a nice visit  
under the big Elm tree, & while  
we were talking Wilber Galbreath  
wife & Daughter came along & he  
I had quite a little talk ~~at~~ over  
the fence, & he inquired in particular  
all about you & wanted to know  
what your "hubby" does &c. & said  
he would like to see you & hoped  
you are doing well. he wanted  
us to go out & have supper with





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them but I told him we promised Cousin  
Ella to stay there for supper so my visit  
with Wilber was rather short. Frank  
Hartzell stayed & we ~~at~~ Cousins had a fine  
supper & visit together. Edith I could go on  
& write pages of stuff that would interest  
you but I am a poor writer & composer  
so probably it wouldn't be so interest-  
ing to you after all, even if I did write  
it. Well the next day Monday, we came  
back home & on the following Friday  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a little Daughter  
born to us at 5:30 P.m. we never before  
appreciated what a good Dr. was, we  
had Dr. Gifford & after he got here  
I guess it wasn't more than 2½ hours  
until it was all over & every thing  
in fine shape before the Boys & ~~for~~  
Mary got home from work. Today  
the Baby is 5 days old & both are doing  
fine. Tomorrow I go back from my  
Vacation, but it is my regular day  
off so I will get one day more.



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we get every 4<sup>th</sup> day off now instead  
of every 5<sup>th</sup> day as we used to & it is  
quite a difference.

You asked me how much you still owe me,  
the first amount was \$80.00 & you have  
paid me \$55.00 so you still owe me \$25.00

Well I guess I will close this & get it off  
in the Mail tonight, it is now 4:30 Pm  
& I started to write it yesterday so I  
changed the date of it for today.

So please don't be so long as  
before in writing.

Love to all, from all

as ever your Bros.

A. W. Hartzell

217 Linwood St.

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